

These services were all under my own charge, or that of discreet officers of the church.

The great awakening in Brooklyn (in 1866) continued for four months, and one hundred heads of families were among the converts!

This is the season of the year for spiritual harvests. I would fraternally suggest to my ministerial brethren that they deliver faithful, arousing and guiding discourses to the *unconverted*. That is directly in the line of apostolic precedent. The sight of inquirers going in to meet the pastor will do more to awaken the sleepers in the church than the visit of any itinerant or of any "Evangelistic Committees." If you expect sinners to be converted, you must give them God's message red-hot with the fire of love and the Holy Spirit will bless your efforts. *Preach for souls, and pray for the power from on high!*

True Revivals

The Revivalist says:

Where souls whose hearts are aflame with the love of God meet to pray and sing and testify to the wondrous love of Jesus, their accompaniments are:

1. A free, glad welcome to all. "Who-soever will, may come."
2. A spirit of deep, earnest prayer.
3. The recognized leadership of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
4. The freedom and liberty Jesus gives.
5. No prearranged program or stated time of closing.
6. Sinners crying out, "What must I do to be saved?"
7. Backsliders returning unto their Lord.
8. Believers seeking the baptism with the Holy Ghost.
9. The shouting and rejoicing of newborn souls mingled with the songs of mighty triumph and victory.
10. All expenses met by the joyous free-will offerings of the people.

God Constantly Speaks to Us

The longer I live the more sure I am that to the devout soul God is constantly speaking by the little incident of daily life says F. B. Meyer. Such a man will have that experience corroborated by the word of God on the one hand and sympathetic circumstances on the other. And tho everybody says the man is acting in a suicidal manner, the man himself is convinced by ways he cannot define that he has learned the will of God.

It may be that this relates to the giving up of a habit, taking a certain course, or stepping out in some untrodden path, but the man knows that he knows the will of God. If, however, you do not know, do not act. If I had a little child who could not tell what I wanted, but who at the same time needed to know my will, I would explain even to the adoption of the simplest speech and the shortest words. So we must trust God to make known his will to us.

God also works in a man "to do." When you know what God wills you know that

you have sufficient power to do what he purposes. You must not wait to feel it. Believe it is there.

Missions

The Canadian Mission

I have recently received a letter from Bro. Ole Swadburg, who enjoys the distinction of being our first foreign missionary. He has at different times reported the progress of his work among his own Norwegian people in Canada, yet I need not refer to that, but he appeals to me as an officer of our Mission Board for some assistance in the following words, "I sadly need some literature, to translate from the English into the Norwegian language, and have it printed in a Scandinavian Publishing House, also a collection of songs, so that we will not have to use the Hymnal of State church of Norway." This is a very modest request and should be liberally responded to.

This is the first request that has come to us from Brother Swadburg; thus far it has not been determined whether this Canadian mission shall be regarded as home or foreign work, hence I cannot as Secretary, draw upon any one of our funds, but there may be liberally disposed brethren or sisters that will extend the desired aid at once so he will not have to wait until next National Conference for the needed funds to prosecute his work. If there are such I should be pleased to hear from them.

JACOB C. CASSELL,
Sec. M. B. of the B. C.

Chicago Letter.

At our regular Wednesday night prayer meeting this week, we called and ordained brethren McCollister and Shipley to the office of deacons. Brother Cassell is with us and assisted in the services.

We count it a special privilege to have Brother Cassell with us, and have him preach for us thru the week and over next Sunday. He is giving us some good sermons—practical and to the point. They are appreciated by all of us.

We are having a very rainy and muddy time in the city just now. There are some very severe cases of Tonsillitis among our Sunday school pupils and we are anxious for their safety.

We acknowledge the receipt of a box of clothing just received from sister Annie Eperly, Udell, Iowa. Thanks for the same. It will be applied as directed. We are thankful to all our friends who have made it possible for us to render this kind of practical help to the needy. We feel that we must call the attention of our friends to the fact that we are seriously in need of money for the immediate use in the work here. A prompt response from the churches will be appreciated by the Board, and a special cause for gratitude personally.

Our Sunday school made us a contribution of \$14.50 for the purchase of fuel for the

church. The work is prospering. Pray for us.

J. O. TALLEY.

Thoughts on Missions

Missionary work calls for the highest expression of disinterested benevolence. The money given for the support of the local church may be given from motives of self-interest; but the bulk of the money given for missions, home or foreign, must, from the very nature of the case, be given from disinterested motives. Those who give for the spiritual enlightenment of their brothers and sisters in distant places can hope for nothing again in the way of personal advantage.

As affording an outlet for the sacrificial spirit; as supplying a check upon the present-day drift towards materialism, the value of missionary work to the church can hardly be over-estimated. The call to the sacrificial life which comes from mission fields is one which the church cannot afford to miss. Without such calls, she would die of the dry-rot of selfishness.

The evidential value of missions can hardly be over-emphasized. The early fathers of the church were wont to lay at the feet of kings their eloquent written apologies for Christianity. The most powerful apologetic which the church of today can furnish is found in the fruits of Christian missions. As the result of missionary labors, lives have been transformed; nations have been born in a day; albeit, they have taken centuries to reach maturity. Results have been attained which are out of all proportion to the means expended, and evidence of the supernatural power of Christianity, which can be satisfactorily explained only upon the hypothesis that they have been wrought of God.

The sociological value of mission work has too often been lost sight of. The modern settlement idea is simply the application of foreign mission methods of home-mission work. Foreign missions have always given strong emphasis to the world side of religion. The mission station is an oasis in the desert of social life, the nucleus of a new social order. From it go forth humanizing, moralizing, and civilizing influences, which entitle it to the sympathies and support of every lover of his race. Its work, which is exceedingly broad, embraces the whole range of human interests. The schools, colleges, and hospitals which it establishes and maintains, and, above all, the spiritual forces which it sets in operation, help to create a new society.

Not less valuable is the lofty ideal of heroism and self-abnegation furnished by the missionary workers themselves. There are many missionaries who, like Henry Martyn, desire "to burn out for God"; and lay themselves without ostentation upon the altar of consecration, to be consumed as willing sacrifices in the service of their fellowmen. But let us not forget that the life of the missionary plodder no less than the blood of the missionary martyr is the seed of the church. —Christian Century.